

(Communicable Disease Center
Chamblee, Georgia)

February 4, 1955

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Your letter of the 22d January has been forwarded to me here, where I am spending a brief visit. We have just seen Spicer off, and you may well see him before this letter arrives.

I am sorry that I do not have our earlier correspondence with me, and must be a little hazy about dates. I am sorry if my negative attitude about a month's visit has either offended or disappointed you; it simply represented my own opinion about the optimal values of laboratory visits. Of course you will be welcome for a week, or whatever reasonable time you would wish to stay. But I should be very much surprised (and disappointed) if your visit does not preempt most of my time while you are here.

You will perhaps not previously have been cognizant of the dates of the forthcoming Cold Spring Harbor Symposium, which will be as I recall from June 5 - 13, and will concern Viruses (i.e. mostly phage, as Delbruck is in charge). I can hardly conceive that you would not wish to attend. Doesn't this overlap the month you had previously reserved for Madison? If you would like to revise your visit to end in time for the symposium, I would have no objection. Might I also suggest that you write to Dr. Demerec to reserve accommodations at Cold Spring Harbor.

Please do not construe my last letter as conveying anything but a warm anticipation and appreciation of your visit. Spicer has mentioned many of the problems you have been working on, to reinforce your most interesting publications.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg